

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 107-252, Title II, Section 214, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Election Assistance Board of Advisors: Wesley R. Kliner, Jr. of Tennessee.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 2810

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2810) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate months in 2006 from the calculation of any late enrollment penalty under the Medicare part D prescription drug program and to provide for additional funding for State health insurance counseling programs and area agencies on aging, and for other purposes.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for its second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR JACOB CHIC HECHT

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 481, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 481) relative to the death of Jacob Chic Hecht, former United States Senator for the State of Nevada.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, yesterday morning in Las Vegas Chic Hecht died. Chic Hecht was a former Senator and a fellow Nevadan. On behalf of the entire Senate family, I extend condolences to Chic's wife, Gail, and their daughters, Leslie and Lori.

Chic was a man very small in stature, but his life has left a big shadow on the State of Nevada and the entire United States. Chic's political career was outstanding, and I consider it a privilege that I could serve with and know him.

When I was Lieutenant Governor of Nevada, Chic served in the Nevada State Senate. When I was elected to the Congress in 1982, he was elected to the Senate. A few years later, I had the good fortune of joining him here.

Chic was someone who had no guile. He made it through his political career

recognizing that he was never going to be a dynamic speaker. He spoke with a distinct lisp. But this is something that people in Nevada came to admire and appreciate. People had great affection for him, as you can tell from his first Senate race.

Chic's election to the Senate is described as being the biggest political upset in the history of the State of Nevada. He beat a man who had served in the Senate 24 years, Senator Howard Cannon, a man who had been chairman of the Rules Committee, Commerce Committee and Armed Services Committee. It was a tremendous upset.

Chic was rightfully proud of that election. "Only in America could this happen," he said the night that he beat Howard Cannon. "Put that down. That is what makes America great."

Even Chic's opponents liked and respected him.

In 1988, Chic was beaten by Senator Richard Bryan. But as Senator Bryan said, they were good friends during the race and continued being good friends after. That was Chic Hecht.

As successful as he was in the political field, he was even more successful as an entrepreneur. He made his money in a number of different ways. One was selling women's clothing. The other was in the banking business. He was extremely successful.

But public service called him. In addition to his Nevada legislature and Senate experience, he also served as Ambassador to the Bahamas from 1989 to 1994.

During the 1950s, Chic was a member of the Army. At that time, Chic was an undercover person—a spy. He was known for this his entire life. During some of his campaigns, people checked to find out if, in fact, this man of small stature really was a spy because if that was not the case, they planned to use it against him in the campaign. But they couldn't, because it was true. He served with distinction in the military.

Here's another example of the kind of man Chic was.

We had today, as we have for many decades, our Tuesday caucuses. During the time Senator Hecht served in the Senate, he attended the Republican Tuesday caucus. Well, one Tuesday, JOHN KERRY was late coming to the Democratic caucus, and he came across Chic Hecht, who was in a state of distress because while eating lunch with the Republican caucus, he had some food lodged in his throat. He couldn't breathe. He staggered out of the Republican conference and, fortuitously, JOHN KERRY recognized that something was wrong. Senator KERRY applied the Heimlich maneuver, and the food came out. Chic Hecht was told by the doctors that he had a matter of a few seconds to live.

Now, to show the kind of man Chic Hecht was, every Christmas, even though he was proud of his Jewish faith, every Christmas thereafter, recognizing that that was a day of celebration for Senator KERRY, Senator

Hecht called JOHN KERRY to tell him that he appreciated his having saved his life.

And what a life it was.

Nevada has had a great loss. I hope that Chic's family recognizes the greatness of this man. I know there are many in Nevada who do.

As strongly as I feel about Chic Hecht, his friends run deep in our state. My good friend Art Marshall, who is a good, strong Democrat and has helped me on everything that I have ever done, spoke with admiration of his deep friendship with Chic Hecht. They were from different political parties, but always had a very good relationship. Art called me nearly every day to tell me how Chic was doing while he wrestled with cancer.

Today, Chic's suffering is over. He will be missed.

In time, the pain of his loss will pass, but never our memories and appreciation for this man. Chic Hecht, Senator from Nevada.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 481) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 481

Whereas Jacob Chic Hecht served as a special agent in the United States Army Intelligence Corps;

Whereas Jacob Chic Hecht served the people of Nevada with distinction from 1983 to 1989 in the United States Senate;

Whereas Jacob Chic Hecht served as United States Ambassador to the Bahamas from 1989 until 1994;

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Jacob Chic Hecht, former member of the United States Senate.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Jacob Chic Hecht.

ARCTIC RESEARCH AND POLICY AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 879, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 879) to make improvements to the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment that is at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 4028) was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: To strike the sections regarding Commission awards and representation and reception activities)

On page 2, strike line 7 and all that follows through the end of the bill.

The bill (S. 879), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 879

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Arctic Research and Policy Amendments Act of 2005".

SEC. 2. CHAIRPERSON OF THE ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION.

(a) COMPENSATION.—Section 103(d)(1) of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4102(d)(1)) is amended in the second sentence by striking "90 days" and inserting "in the case of the chairperson, 120 days, and, in the case of any other member, 90 days,".

(b) REDESIGNATION.—Section 103(d)(2) of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4102(d)(2)) is amended by striking "Chairman" and inserting "chairperson".

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:15 a.m. on

Wednesday, May 17. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate resume consideration of S. 2611, the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today we have made some progress on the immigration bill. Tomorrow we will continue to work through this complex bill, starting with the Kyl-Cornyn amendment, which is the pending amendment. Senators can expect a vote on this amendment in the morning. I remind everyone again that we still have many amendments to consider and, therefore, I hope Senators will be reasonable and agree to short time agreements.

As a reminder, Senators who have amendments to offer should be working with the bill managers in order to have their amendments debated and considered. Senators can expect a full day tomorrow, with votes throughout the day. I would also say it will be necessary to schedule sessions into the night to consider additional amendments.

I hope we can make great progress during the daylight hours. But if we consume a lot of time on each amendment, it will be necessary to continue into the evening with votes. As we have talked about now for several weeks, it is important that we consider a large number of amendments, a broad range of amendments, many to each section of this bill. It will require the cooperation of all of our colleagues with this goal in mind.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:15 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment as a further mark of respect for former Senator Chic Hecht.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:05 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at 9:15 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 16, 2006:

THE JUDICIARY

FRANCISCO AUGUSTO BESOSA, OF PUERTO RICO, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO, VICE JUAN M. PEREZ-GIMENEZ, RETIRED.

REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK)

R. HUNTER BIDEN, OF DELAWARE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK) FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS, TERM EXPIRED.

DONNA R. MCLEAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK) FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE JOHN ROBERT SMITH, TERM EXPIRED.

FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

JOHN H. HILL, OF INDIANA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, VICE ANNETTE SANDBERG, RESIGNED.

OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT

JOHN RAY CORRELL, OF INDIANA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT, VICE JEFFREY D. JARRETT.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate Tuesday, May 16, 2006:

THE JUDICIARY

MILAN D. SMITH, JR., OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT.